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EXPAND ELECTRIFICATION IN SAKHALIN, MOSCOW;
SPRAY APPLE TREES WITH DDT

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION FURTHERED -- Sovetskiy Sakhalin, No 121, 25 May 49

The plan for electrification of kolkhozes, sovkhoses, and machine tractor stations in Sakhalin is going ahead. An office, "Sel'elektro," composed of engineering and technical workers and specialists, has been created to direct rural electrification work in the oblast. Long-term credit, electrical equipment, and materials for the work are being provided by the government. Electric power plants will be built first in Kirovskiy, then in Aniv'skiy rayons. Electric energy for kolkhozes in Poronayskiy, Uglegorskiy, and Kholm'skiy rayons will, for the present, be provided from an over-all electric network. A majority of the agricultural villages will, therefore, be using electric power in 1949.

Exploratory work has shown that kolkhozes and sovkhoses on Sakhalin Island are located in places with extremely large water-power resources and rich potentialities for electrification. Water power resources are particularly abundant in Kirovskiy Rayon, where six hydroelectric power plants are to be built. The hydroelectric power plant on the Al'ba River will provide electric power for the "Krasnyy Partizan" and "Pamyat' Lenina" kolkhozes; the power plant on the Pere River for the "Chir-unvd" and Kolkhoz imeni Menzhinskiy; the power plant on the Slavka River for the Kolkhozes imeni Pervaya Maya and Kirova; and the power plant on the Yskovo River for the Kolkhoz imeni 18 Parta'yevda and the experimental agricultural stations. The hydroelectric power plant on the Voskresenovka River will serve the Kolkhoz imeni Stalin and the oblast's largest machine tractor station, the Tymovskaya. The largest hydroelectric power plant, which will have a capacity of 200 kilowatts, is to be built on the Malo-Tymovo River and will furnish power for the rayon center, the "20 Let VLKSM" Kolkhoz and the "Krasnaya Tym." and "Svinovod" sovkhoses.

Results of explorations in Anivskiy Rayon have shown that the Aniva and Taranay rivers can supply the water power necessary for all kolkhozes in Aniva Rayon.

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In Kirovskiy Rayon, preparatory work for building hydroelectric power plants has begun. Felling and transporting of timber for the construction of power plants is under way. By 15 May, about 200 cubic meters of logs had been brought to the construction area. The plenum of the Rayon Committee has pledged to do everything in its power to aid the work so that building of the village hydroelectric power plants can be completed by 7 November 1949. Electrification of the basic enterprises will reduce the use of manpower and beasts of burden in kolkhozes and sovkhoses by 50 percent.

KOLKHOZ ELECTRIFICATION PROCEEDING -- Komsomol'skaya Pravda, No 266, 11 Nov 49

Under the 1949 year plan, 107 hydroelectric power plants are to be constructed on kolkhozes in Moscow Oblast. Thousands of young Komsomols are participating in construction work to complete the plan ahead of schedule. They have felled and delivered over 32,000 cubic meters of timber, completed 30,000 cubic meters of ground work, and erected over 40,000 poles. Not long ago, the Zimenkovskaya Hydroelectric Power Plant on the Kerzhenets River was put into operation. During the first 9 months of 1949, 650 kilometers of high- and low-voltage electric lines were built and 110 kolkhozes and five machine tractor stations were electrified.

OBLASTS GROW, EXPAND -- Krasnyy Flot, No 256, 29 Oct 49

Since 1944, the number of enterprises in Izmail Oblast has increased 20 times. The port of Izmail completed ahead of schedule the 1949 year plan for transferring freight and by so doing saved over 22,000 working hours. The oblast is now completely collectivized, having over 500 kolkhozes served by 31 machine tractor stations. There are now two forest conservation stations, 12 grain and live-stock sovkhoses, 15 vineyards, and plant-raising sovkhoses which produce essential oils in the oblast. A water reservoir with a 650-hectare area and a volume capacity of 12 million cubic meters is being constructed.

During the postwar years, Kovno Oblast has acquired a total of 30 machine tractor stations, and 885 kolkhozes, and has built dozens of industrial enterprises. The introduction of new agrotechnology has made it possible to increase the summer grain harvest three times and the sugar beet harvest five times.

Grodno Oblast has erected 7,000 houses and over 4,000 economic enterprises and educational institutions since the war. At present, the construction of a sugar plant is progressing well, the equipping of a textile combine is nearing completion, a shoe-rubber combine is under construction, and dozens of electric power plants are to be built in towns and villages. The oblast now has 661 kolkhozes and 15 machine tractor stations.

NEW VILLAGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Sovetskaya Latvija, No 256, 29 Oct 49

Kherson -- The Kolkhoz imeni Stalin in Genicheskii Rayon has begun to build a new village in the western Azov area. The village will have public buildings, houses, asphalt streets and squares, a public water supply, and a system of canals. A large electric power plant will make it possible to mechanize all the basic processes of production.

PLOWING LAGS IN VIRUMASKIY UYEZD -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 258, 1 Nov 49

On 25 October, only 33 percent of the 1949 plowing plan had been completed in Virumaskii Uyezd. The reason for the lag is poor organization of labor. This is exemplified by the fact that leading kolkhozes in other areas which have good labor organization are able to complete their plowing in time.

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DDT AIDS APPLE HARVEST IN ALMA ATA -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 255, 26 Oct 49

Apple harvesting is now in progress in the pomicultural sovkhos "Issyk," the largest in Alma-Ata Oblast. The harvest this year was very large because of aid given by scientific workers. Candidate of Biological Sciences A. Petrov was the first to use successfully a new method for destroying apple moths. As the sun began to set, an airplane flying just above the apple trees sprayed them with a concentrated emulsion of the new chemical, DDT. Orchards which have been sprayed are safe from apple moths not only for 1949 but also for 1950. -- from Kazakhstanskaya Pravda.

WINDMILLS LOWER COST OF GRAIN MILLING -- Komsomol'skaya Pravda, No 253, 26 Oct 49

The Ukrainian Scientific Research Institute for Mechanization of Agriculture has worked out a project for constructing a high-speed windmill, "2-UNDIM-D10," which can be used economically for milling grain in kolkhozes. Before the installation of this type of windmill, grain was milled by using a gasoline motor operated by two men. For milling 400 tons of grain, the gasoline motor used about 5 tons of fuel and 400 kilograms of lubricating oil. The windmill, however, is operated by one person, uses no fuel, and runs on 50 kilograms of lubricating oil a year.

At present, over 70 windmills are in operation in the Ukraine and in Kursk Oblast. -- A. Loyko, Senior Scientific Worker, Khar'kov Station, Ukrainian Institute for Mechanization of Agriculture.

VETERINARY WORKERS GRADUATED -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 217, 28 Oct 49

Dubossary -- State examinations in the republic school for junior veterinary specialists have ended. Ninety-seven students were graduated from the school. During the past 4 years, the school has trained 344 veterinarians for kolkhozes in the republic.

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